

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B - B in FIG. 56.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 21, and ending on page 10, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 3 is a sectional view illustrating a washing machine equipped with a steam supplying apparatus according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 4 is a perspective view illustrating a part of the washing machine equipped with the steam supplying apparatus according to the embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 5 is a perspective view illustrating the steam supplying apparatus according to the embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A in FIG. 5. FIG. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B in FIG. 56.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 6, and ending on page 11, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

The washing machine, which is equipped with the steam supplying apparatus according to the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, includes a cabinet 52 defining the appearance of the washing machine, and carrying a door 51. The washing machine also includes a wash tub including a tub 54 fixedly installed in the cabinet 52, and a drum 56 rotatably installed in the tub 54, and provided with a plurality of water holes 55. The washing machine further includes a drive unit 58 connected with the drum 56 via a rotating shaft 57, and adapted to rotate the drum 56, a water supply unit 60 for supplying wash water into the wash tub, that is, the tub 54 and drum 56, (hereinafter, simply referred to as a "wash tub 54/56") and a drainage unit 62 for draining wash water from the wash tub 54/56. A detergent supply unit 64 containing detergent therein is arranged at a top portion of the cabinet 52. The detergent supply unit 64 is connected to the water supply unit 10-60 so that it can supply detergent into the wash tub 54/56, along with wash water passing therethrough. The washing machine further includes, as the steam

supplying apparatus according to the illustrated embodiment of the present invention, a steam supplying unit 70 adapted to supply steam into the wash tub 54/56.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

The water level control means 90 comprises an air chamber 92 defined in the tank 76 above the water level limit  $\beta$  of the tank 76, and adapted to receive air pressurized as the water level of the tank 76 increases. The water level control means 90 also comprises an extension passage 94 connected, at one end thereof, to the steam supply line 74-72 while extending into the tank 76 such that the other end thereof is arranged at the water level limit  $\beta$ . When the water level of the tank 76 exceeds the water level limit  $\beta$ , the extension passage 94 drains an excessive amount of water supplied into the tank 76 in accordance with the pressure of air received in the air chamber 92, along with steam existing in the tank 76.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In this case, the heater 78 is controlled by the temperature sensor 80, which senses the internal temperature of the tank 76, so that it does not generate overheat. Where the temperature sensor 80 operates abnormally, electric power supplied to the heater 78 may be automatically cut off by the automatic pressure switch 80-82 and automatic temperature switch 8284. In this case, accordingly, the heater 78 does not generate overheat.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 7 with the following amended paragraph:

In the steam supplying apparatus according to the present invention, the mesh 96 is installed in the tank 96-76 in order to prevent the wash water in the tank 76 from moving from side to side ~~when the water level of the tank 76~~ during the supply of wash water into the tank 76. Accordingly, it is possible to stably control the water level of the tank 76.